

JACINTA, SURPRISE OF EUROPE, TO BE AT BELASCO NEXT WEEK

John Cort Has Gathered
Strong Company for
Play's Presentation.

For the past two years, "Jacinta," which will be the attraction at the Belasco next week, has been the surprise of Europe, and John Cort is said to have engaged a strong array of talent for its American presentation.

"Jacinta" is an opera comique in three acts, all of which are laid in South America. The opera is said to fully justify the foreign popularity, and the producers expect the American production will surpass its European predecessor.

The cast numbers a number of well-known artists, including Ida Brooks Hunt, Carrie Reynolds, Forrest Huff, Dick Taylor, and a score of others equally as well known. The augmented orchestra will be under the personal direction of Herr Hugo Frey.

Irresistibly laughter-provoking is the promise made for "Mutt and Jeff," the attraction for the Columbia Christmas week, beginning with a matinee Monday and with another extra matinee for Tuesday. The offering is a musical comedy built around the ideas in Bud Fisher's cartoons and a company of half a hundred singers and dancers. No expense has been spared in staging the production, with the result that a striking spectacular attraction is promised. Five companies are now presenting the piece and the one Washington will see is said to be the one organized for the engagement in New York after the first of the year and as a consequence the best of them all.

Starting with a Christmas matinee, John Drew comes to the National next week in "A Single Man," his latest success. Written by Hubert Henry Davis, the play enjoyed two months of popularity at the Empire Theater in New York before starting on its tour. Mr. Drew is bringing to Washington the original cast, including Mary Boland, Thais Lawton, Ivan Simpson, Thomas Kelly, Louise Drew, and others. With the exception of Christmas day but one matinee will be given, on Saturday afternoon.

Maclyn Arbuckle, former star of "The Country Chairman," "The Round-Up," and other successes, will be the headliner at Chase's next week. "The Reform Candidate," presented with a carefully selected company, will be his offering. The supplementary leading attraction will be the new laughing hit, "The Right Girl," in which Lulu McConnell and Grant Simpson are said to score decisively.

Signor Trovato and his violin, Ed Wynn, Edmund Russon, Mary Elizabeth, the Three Escadros, Slickney's Circus, and the interesting photoplays will conclude the bill.

"The Rosary," Rowland and Clifford's theatrical success, which will be seen

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Members of the National Press Club have a standing invitation this week to attend the performance of "Silver Threads," as guests of the management of the Academy. The offering is from the pen of Martin V. Merie, a San Francisco newspaper man.

On Friday night in Hitchcock Hall, St. Elizabeth's, the dramatic section of the Readers' Club presented "Ellen's Elopement." The play was in three acts, and was excellently handled by the cast.

The treadmill used for the staging of the horse race in "The Futurity Winner" at the Gayety this week are built upon the same principle as those used in the chariot race scene in "Ben Hur."

Following the Christmas week attraction of "Jacinta," at the Belasco Theater, the January bookings as announced promise some interesting attractions. For the week of January 1 "Excuse Me" will pay a return visit. January 8 the charming comedy success, "Pomander Walk," will be seen here; January 15, "The Gamblers," January 22, "The Boss," and January 29, Sam Bernard in "He Came From Milwaukee."

Fog Hampers Vessels.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 17.—During the dense fog which hung over Hampton Roads and the lower Chesapeake bay yesterday the cruisers Washington and

North Carolina, lying at anchor in the roads, used their searchlights to warn passing vessels of their presence. The rays from the searchlights also served to light the way for vessels creeping through the mist.

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